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WEATHER  
Fair tonight and Thursday; not much change in temperature.

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# WOOD CARRIES INDIANA; JOHNSON CALIFORNIA

## SCHOOL BOARD GETS ADVERSE REPORT ON TEACHERS' BONUS

SPECIAL COMMITTEE  
SAYS FINANCES  
ARE TOO LOW

## SITE 1919 REVENUE STUFF BREAKS LAW

TREASURY WILL NOT PERMIT PAYMENT OF PREMIUMS TO SUPPLEMENT SALARIES—MAY BE ABLE TO RAISE PAY FOR ENSUING YEAR WITH NEW TAX LEVY.

Hope for a bonus to help offset mounting living costs, as expressed by teachers of the public schools of Ottawa in a "round robin" presented to the board of education in the form of a petition were not given much encouragement last night when the board met for its regular May meeting.

While members of the board were unanimously in favor of better pay for the teachers, they were contented, it is claimed, by a situation which makes a bonus next to impossible—a result of a thoroughly depleted treasury, which, according to announcements made last night, contains only \$29,85 over and above the sum necessary to meet contracted expenses for the year.

The committee to whom the teachers' petition was referred for investigation reported that they saw no chance for paying the premium out of the present funds. It was pointed out under the law enacted by the last legislature it was made possible for the board of levy a tax not to exceed 2 per cent of the assessed valuation of all real estate, of which one-third could be appropriated for educational purposes, after less than two-thirds for buildings and grounds.

The report, an exhaustive article covered in detail every angle of the revenue raising feature of school financing, Ottawa and South Ottawa townships, which comprise the school district, have a combined assessed valuation of \$1,386,978. Continuing it report the committee points out that for 1919 \$42,780 was levied for educational purposes and \$19,827 for buildings and grounds. Those amounts were supplemented by \$9,756,37 turned over to the school system by the state. Under the law one-third of the taxes may be used for educational purposes and the remainder goes for buildings and grounds, unless the people by vote revise the system and make it possible to levy two-thirds for education.

Under the new tax arrangement last year would have produced \$57,849,034 for educational purposes and \$29,436,52 for buildings and grounds. The report on expenditures for the past year shows that the board expended in various departments the following amounts:

We find as to expenditures from educational fund for this school year and a fair estimate of such expenditures for the balance of this school year, gained by comparison with the previous year, as follows:

Teachers have been paid so far this year ..... \$27,682.50

Teachers to be paid for balance of the year per contract ..... 13,922.49

Incidentals paid so far this year ..... 1,431.00

Estimate of incidentals for balance of year, based on last year's actual cash paid for like period ..... 1,565.49

Supplies paid for so far this year ..... 5,366.98

Estimate of supplies for balance of the year, based on last year's actual cash paid for like period, and taking into full account the difference in the needs as to coal this year as against like period for last year ..... 3,364.49

Fair estimate or cost of extra teacher for balance of year in place of substitute resigned and not replaced ..... 126.00

Total ..... \$57,606.52

Levy for educational purposes for present year ..... 42,780.00

Received from state fund for year ..... 9,756.37

**Recapitulation**

Available for this school year, not counting loss from abatements to be granted by County Court, if any, at May term, when judgment is sought for delinquent taxes ..... 32,536.37

## SAYS HE SUNK VAST SUM IN COAL MINE VENTURE; IS BROKE

OWNER OF SENECA SHAFT PLEADS STRAINED FINANCES DURING CONTEMPT PROCEEDINGS BEFORE JUDGE DAVIS IN CIRCUIT COURT.

The contempt proceeding against J. L. Jones, Seneca mine owner, who was cited for failure to comply with a decree of the Circuit Court, was heard before Judge Davis in the circuit court yesterday afternoon after the jury had been excused for the no. Mr. Jones appeared in the court room without counsel, pleading inability to secure an attorney. After hearing the evidence, Judge Davis continued the case until Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, and ordered the defendant to secure an attorney to represent him at that time.

Jones was cited upon request of John Hiltzmark, who claimed that the Seneca man refused to pay him a \$1,500 royalty payment given him by Judge Stough in the circuit court in January, and with having violated the terms of a decree entered by the same judge prohibiting him to cross the land of the complainant mining coal from his mine near Seneca.

Mr. Jones took the witness stand and told a story of hard luck. He claims to have put \$7,000 in the mines all he, his wife and his son owned, and that now it has been doubled out and he owes two pay rolls aggregating more than \$2,000 and is unable to operate the mine profitably since he has sold out of rock. He declared that it would take \$20,000 to get the mine in working shape, and that he hoped to be able to raise the money and set it in operation soon.

He said that his wife broke her leg and that he had secured an orthopedic cast for her and would be able to have it installed in a week.

He exhibited an Indian and bank books to show that he did not have enough money with which to pay the judgments and showed how much cash he had sold since the first of the year.

When questioned about the decree of the court he is alleged to have violated he replied that J. W. Brexner, who is one of Mr. Hiltzmark's attorneys, told him to cross the land and hurry up and get the money to pay the judgment. He also claimed to have given Mr. Brexner checks for \$100 to pay on the judgment.

While examining the bank book, Attorney Brexner evidently became wrathful when he found a stub for a \$100 check which had been sent to Richard Wolfe. The defendant was asked why he had not applied the payment of that money on the judgment awarded Mr. Hiltzmark and informed the court that one week previous to making the check Mr. Wolfe advanced him \$1,000 with which to meet his pay roll.

When the judge ordered Mr. Jones to secure an attorney and report back on Saturday morning the old man pleaded inability to hire one. He left the stand muttering that there would be another suicide.

Mr. Hiltzmark was represented in his suit by Attorneys Brewer, Baker and L. O. Browne.

**LA SALLE ARTISTS TO GIVE RECITAL HERE**

Hugo C. Price and Miss Gladys Elliot, two La Salle artists will be heard at the high school auditorium Thursday evening, May 20. The program, which will be of interest to many people, has not yet been announced. Both Mr. Price and Miss Elliot are talented musicians and the event will be well worth while. Miss Elliot has been heard here before and all those who were present were delighted with her singing.

**MEMORIAL ASSN. TO HOLD ANNUAL MEETING**

A meeting of the Memorial Day association will be held on Monday evening at 8 o'clock in the Probate Court room in the Court House. The annual association officers will be elected, the committee appointed to take charge of the Memorial Day program, the decorating of the cemetery, and graves, and other ceremonies carried out in Ottawa on Memorial Day.

Any one who is interested is urged to attend the meeting.

**GET WORD OF UNCLE'S DEATH AT PEORIA, ILL.**

Word has been received here of the death of Iris Kopel, which occurred yesterday at his home in Peoria. Mr. Kopel was an uncle of Ethel Thomas and Otto Armstrong, of Mrs. C. S. Ayers and Mrs. F. M. Frazer of this city and Mrs. Lester Lispold of Streator, a former Ottawa

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## PHONE CO. PETITION FOR HIGHER RATES DELAYED UNTIL SEPT. 20TH

UTILITIES COMMISSION REFUSES TO HEAR REQUEST OF LOCAL CORPORATION UNTIL FALL—OPPONENTS INCREASES SUSPENDED.

Springfield, May 5.—Opponents to proposed increases of the rates of the United Telephone Co., where today suspended until September 20, 1920, by the State Public Utilities Commission.

The above telegram which was received this morning by the Free Trader & Journal from their special correspondent in Springfield, indicates that the telephone company will not be allowed to increase their proposed rates.

Macroe George A. Weeks and City Attorney Elmer Weeks are planning to attend the hearing as representatives of the city and offer objections to the proposed increases.

Text books and courses of study—George P. Hills, C. E. Woodward and E. E. Roberts.

Indian, cigar and cigarette companies—William Dewart, C. E. Woodward and George E. Graham.

Elmer E. Roberts, George P. Hills and James E. Graham.

A letter was received from State Superintendent of Public Instruction Francis G. Blair indicating the state schools that they were to be continued on the list of stand schools for the next year. To be listed as such a school must be up to snuff in its physical equipment in regard to its teaching force and its courses of study.

The committee recently appointed to take charge of planning of shrines and the Lincoln school reported that the grounds had been laid off and planted with bushes by the Lincoln Shrine and that the new lot added to the grounds had been leveled off and planted in grass.

It was reported that the Jefferson school had been received with a red ribbon which was guaranteed to last for seventeen years.

**EIGHTY-NINE TO GRADUATE.**

Eighty-nine children are to graduate this year's class of graduates from the public schools. Although the list has not been completed, J. J. Byrne, principal of the city schools, reported at the meeting of the board of education last night that the graduation.

Graduation is expected to graduate that number of young hopefuls this year.

Twenty-eight of this number will come from the Lincoln school, twelve from Shawano, and eleven each from Jefferson, Washington, and Union schools.

**GRADUATION EXERCISES.**

The graduation exercises will be held June 18 at the Ottawa High School. Pending the passing of the bill authorizing the rights of the high school students of the city will give its assent.

The Princess of Orange.

The final examinations will be held on the week before commencement.

**GALESBURG RAILWAY MEN DESERT POSTS**

By the Associated Press.

Galesburg, Ill., May 5.—One hundred and twenty-four switchmen and thirty-four yard tenders of the Q. & T. railroad, who had been called to report for work in the yards today, have not yet returned. They had been called to the roundhouse to take care of the rest of the men.

The legend claims that the last time he lived from his wife he was living in Indianapolis, Ind., with his Carlson. He also accuses her of throwing a dishpan of boiling water at him and of running at him with an ice pick, declaring she would stick it through him.

**SELECT JURY TO HEAR GIRL'S MURDER CASE**

By the Associated Press.

St. Louis, Mo., May 5.—A jury was selected and 120 of 125 residents who began today for the trial of George Broderick, 30, of a Toledo charged with the killing of his wife, Mary Woods, in Toledo, Ohio, in April.

The couple are the parents of one child, Harry Broderick, aged 16, who is being held with the custody of his stepfather, Joseph Woods, in Toledo.

Coldest Moments During the Day.

The few minutes after sunrise is usually the coldest period of the day.

## HOME STATE PILES UP BIG MAJORITIES FOR FAVORITE SON

By the Associated Press.

Indianapolis, May 5.—With returns from yesterday's state wide primaries beginning to come in from Lake and Vanderburgh counties and other industrial centers of Indiana, Major General Wood's early lead over

Senator Hiram Johnson began to shrink and at 4:30 this morning he had a plurality of only 6,540 with 2,249 of the 3,387 precincts tabulated. The vote stood:

Wood, 59,475; Johnson, 52,935; Gov. Frank O. Lowden of Illinois, 26,334; and Sen. Warren G. Harding of Ohio, 14,692. Earlier in the night the general's lead had been well over 6,000.

Kansas City, May 5.—The republican state convention met here today to elect four delegates at large to the republican convention in Chicago, chose presidential electors, adopt resolutions outlining the party's views on dominant political issues and lay plans for the coming campaign.

Roscoe C. Patterson of Springfield acted as temporary chairman. Women participated in the deliberations for the first time.

Whether the convention would elect four delegates at large or whether the size of the delegation would be doubled with each member allotted one-half of a vote loomed as one of the major questions to be settled.

Wilson Controls Texas.

Bethes, Texas, May 5.—That faction in Texas favorable to the national administration under Woodrow Wilson has been assured of control of the Texas democratic state convention May 25 as a result of county conventions held Tuesday.

The administrative forces will control approximately 1,500 of the 1,400 votes in the state convention on returning today from belated counties.

**KENTUCKY FOR COX.**

Louisville, Ky., May 5.—Only Kentucky's delegates from the state at large were instructed last night by the delegations to the national democratic state convention to vote for Gov. James M. C. Cox, Ohio, as his name remained before the national convention, no mention being made of the twenty-two district delegates.

Cox's tax bill, however, will have twenty of the state's twenty-six votes cast in his behalf by their districts to do so. The other six are instructed.

**Johnson Carries California.**

San Francisco, May 5.—Returns tabulated early today from yesterday's presidential preferential election showed Senator Hiram Johnson leading his rival Herbert C. Hoover by a wide margin.

Incomplete returns from fifty-four of the state's fifty-eight counties or a portion of them showed the following vote:

Johnson, 2,357,087; Cox, 1,557,687.

Hoover, 1,476,187; Gilchrist, 1,357,767.

McKinley, 1,256,387; Moore, 1,156,387.

Other candidates and their votes:

Franklin, 1,156,387; Johnson, 1,156,387.

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